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SUBJ: AMERICANS IN RHBDESIAN ARMY

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1. GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTEL USEFUL ON MERCENARY SUBJECT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE AMITS BEING CONSCRIPTED INTO RHODESIAN ARMY BECAUSE OF PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN RHODESIA.

2. EMB HAS HAD HALF DOZEN INQUIRIES FROM AMCIT MISSIONARIES LONGTIME RESIDENT IN RHODESIA WHOSE SONS HAVE OR SOON MAY BE CONSCRIPTED INTO RHODESIAN ARMY. FOR EXAMPLE, REV. THOMAS CURTIS, DISTRICT SUPT OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN RHODESIA AND ASST TO BISHOP MUZOREWAHAS LIVED IN RHODESIA SINCE 1962. CURTIS'S SON TURNS 17 NEXT MONTH AND IS THEREFORE SUBJECT TO CONSCRIPTION INTO ARMY. CURTIS FINDS THIS MOST IRONIC IN VIEW OF HIS CHURCH

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CONNECTION AND HIS SERVICE FOR MUZOREWA.

3. EMB ADVICE HAS BEEN THAT US CITIZENSHIP DOES NOT PROTECT AN AMCIT FROM THE LAWS OF ANY FOREIGN GOVT, WHETHER OR NOT THE LAWS PERTAIN TO SPEEDING TICKETS OR CONSCRIPTION AND WHETHER OR NOT WE ROCOGNIZE THAT GOVT. EMB HAS POINTED TO US DRAFT REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS AS AN EXAMPLE.

4. THOSE MAKING INQUIRIES HAVE AGREED BEST SOLUTION IS TO SEND SONS OUT OF RHODESIA TO SCHOOL BEFORE DRAFT AGE REACHED. CURTIS, HOWEVER, RELATED STORY OF AMCIT PARENTS WHO WERE THREATENED WITH REPRISALS BY RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES IF SON DID NOT RETURN TO REPORT FOR DUTY. CURRENT RHODESIAN LAW FORBIDS LONG TERM DEPARTURE FOR RESIDENTS OF DRAFT AGE.

5. EMB CERTAIN THAT NUMBER OF AMCITS IN THIS PECULIAR SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES REMAINS VERY SMALL BUT THOSE AMCITS INVOLVED ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF AND CONCERNED ABOUT USG WARNINGS OF CONSEQUENCES OF SERVICE IN RHODESIAN ARMY SUCH AS REFTEL. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CLARIFY PRACTICAL ADVICE TO BE GIVEN IN SUCH CASES CONCERNING LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP.  
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